

Senate on Wednesday, April 26, 2006, at 9:30 a.m. to hold a hearing on U.S.-India Atomic Energy Cooperation.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that on Wednesday, April 26, 2006 the Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to hold a Business Meeting at 9:30 a.m. to consider the following agenda:

Nominations: Richard Capka to be Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, James Gulliford to be an Assistant Administrator, EPA, William Wehrum to be an Assistant Administrator, EPA.

Committee Rules: A proposal to amend Committee Rule 7(d) on the naming of public buildings and facilities.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on "Parity, Platforms and Protection: The Future of the Music Industry in the Digital Radio Revolution" on Wednesday, April 26, 2006, at 9:30 a.m. in Room 226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building. The witness list is attached.

Panel 1: Anita Baker, Performing Artist, Toledo, OH; Todd Rundgren, Lead Singer, The New Cars, Darby, PA; Victoria Shaw, Songwriter, Nashville, TN; Edgar Bronfman, Chairman and CEO, Warner Music Group, New York, NY; Gary Parsons, Chairman of the Board, XM Satellite Radio, Washington, DC; Mr. Bruce T. Reese, CEO and President, Bonneville International Corp., Salt Lake City, UT; and N. Mark Lam, Chairman and CEO, Live365, Foster City, CA.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session on Wednesday, April 26, 2006, at 10 a.m., in 215 Dirksen Senate Office Building, to hear testimony on "Authorizations of Customs and Trade Functions".

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 27, 2006 at 2:30 p.m. to hold a closed business meeting.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate for a

hearing to address the reauthorization of Finance and Entrepreneurial Development programs administered by the Small Business Administration on Wednesday, April 26, 2006, beginning at 10:30 a.m. in room 428A of the Russell Senate Office Building.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, GOVERNMENT INFORMATION, AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs' Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security be authorized to meet on Wednesday, April 26, 2006, at 2:30 p.m. for a field hearing regarding "Ensuring Early Diagnosis and Access to Treatment for HIV/AIDS: Can Federal Resources Be More Effectively Targeted?"

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to allow the privilege of the floor to be granted to Jessica Wilcox, an Energy Fellow in my office, for the remainder of today's session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. COCHRAN. I ask unanimous consent that Jeremy Weirich, a detailee with the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and related agencies, from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, be granted the privileges of the floor for the duration of consideration of the supplemental appropriations bill, H.R. 4939.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. DURBIN. I ask unanimous consent that CAPT Benjamin Venning, a Marine Corps military fellow on my staff, be granted the privileges of the floor for the remainder of the 109th Congress.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to executive session to consider the following nomination on today's Executive Calendar: Calendar No. 601, Patrick Schiltz, to be U.S. District Judge for the District of Minnesota. I further ask unanimous consent that the nomination be confirmed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate then return to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nomination considered and confirmed is as follows:

THE JUDICIARY

Patrick Joseph Schiltz, of Minnesota, to be United States District Judge for the District of Minnesota.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will return to legislative session.

CROP SCIENCE SOCIETY OF AMERICA 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 446 submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 446) recognizing the 50th Anniversary of the Crop Science Society of America.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating thereto be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 446) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 446

Whereas the Crop Science Society of America was founded in 1955, with Gerald O. Mott as its first President;

Whereas the Crop Science Society of America is one of the premier scientific societies in the world, as shown by its world-class journals, international and regional meetings, and development of a broad range of educational opportunities;

Whereas the science and scholarship of the Crop Science Society of America are mission-directed, with the goal of addressing agricultural challenges facing humanity;

Whereas the Crop Science Society of America significantly contributes to the scientific and technical knowledge necessary to protect and sustain natural resources on all land in the United States;

Whereas the Crop Science Society plays a key role internationally in developing sustainable agricultural management and biodiversity conservation for the protection and sound management of the crop resources of the world;

Whereas the mission of the Crop Science Society of America continues to expand, from the development of sustainable production of food and forage, to the production of renewable energy and novel industrial products;

Whereas, in industry, extension, and basic research, the Crop Science Society of America has fostered a dedicated professional and scientific community that, in 2005, included more than 3,000 members; and